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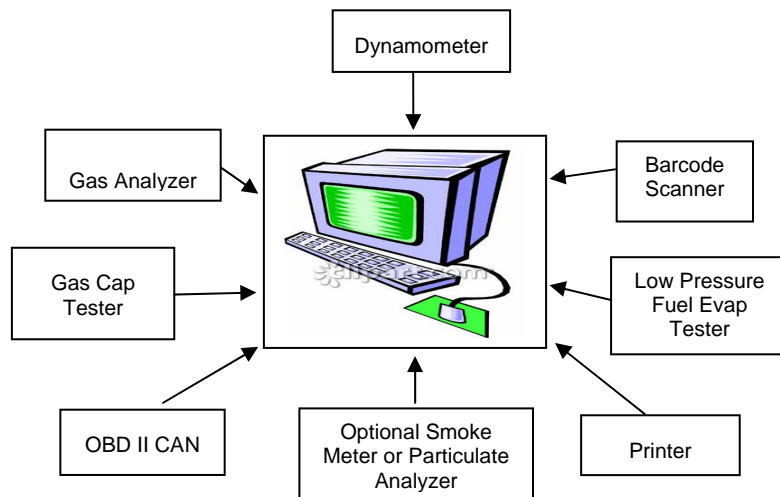
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Proposed BAR Modular Vehicle Inspection Platform (VIP) Option



Until now the Bureau of Automotive (BAR) has consolidated the equipment for Smog Check into a single platform. Now the BAR is studying the concept of modular smog check equipment. CSSARA is in support of this endeavor whereby industry would be able to update/replace individual modules at a far more reasonable cost than purchasing all components at once.

CSSARA APPLIES FOR \$5.6 MILLION ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

CSSARA has submitted a proposal to the state addressing one of the industry's most crucial current concerns: our ability as small business to retail alternative fuels to the consumer. The award of this \$5.6 million grant will enable our uniquely positioned Association to introduce an infrastructure program for the retailing of E85 and biodiesel fuels to independent retailers who currently retail petroleum products.

Project locations with proximity to established transportation corridors will be sought and evaluated for two types of installations: above ground storage (the method of choice) and underground storage. The goal is for the alternative fuel station(s) to be operational no later than December 31, 2008, and remain operational for a minimum of two years.

MONTHLY UST TRAINING IN NOVATO For UST Designated Operator Renewal

If you have been unable to attend UST Designated Operator training classes at any of our other scheduled locations, CSSARA offers a class on the *first Wednesday of each month* in Novato to prepare you for the test. Call the CSSARA office for registration information at 415-892-6377. You may also download enrollment forms at our website at www.cssara.org. We will not accept walk-ins.

IMPORTANT INFO ON SALES TAX PRE-PAYMENT

Effective April 1, 2007 the pre-payment rates for gasoline and diesel fuel will be as follows: Gasoline 17 cents and diesel fuel 16 cents. These rates are scheduled to remain in effect through March 31, 2008. This means you will be paying an approximate \$225 per delivery, so you will need to adjust your cash flow accordingly. If you need additional information, call the State Information Center at 800-400-7115.